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SUBJECT: ILP POSTPONES DECISION TO QUIT COALITION

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1. THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE
VOTED DECEMBER 1 BY A WIDE MARGIN TO POSTPONE FOR A MONTH
A DECISION ON WITHDRAWING FROM THE GOVERNMENT COALITION.
THE VOTE FOLLOWED A MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY BETWEEN ILP
LEADERS AND LABOR PARTY LEADERS HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER
YIGAL ALLON IN WHICH HE PROMISED SEVERAL CONCESSIONS WHICH,
IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING THE
ILP'S DEMANDS.

2. THE CONCESSIONS, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY
THE LABOR PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
AMEND THE HEALTH INSURANCE BILL TO PREVENT HISTADRUT FROM
PENALIZING ITS MEMBERS WHO REFUSE TO JOIN ITS SICK
FUND; ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARBITRATION BODY WHICH WOULD
ADJUDICATE DISPUTES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR AT
THE REQUEST OF EITHER SIDE AND WHOSE DECISIONS WOULD BE
BINDING; AND PARTIALLY MEET ILP'S INSISTENCE ON REFORM

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IN THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE BY TRANSFERRING THE PUBLIC

WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM THE LABOR MINISTRY TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING. ALLON'S NEGOTIATING TEAM REPORTEDLY ALSO AGREED TO PERMIT CONSERVATIVE RABBIS TO PERFORM MARRIAGES, PROVIDED THE CEREMONY IS IN ACCORD WITH ORTHODOX LAW THE LATTER ADDRESSES JUST ONE OF SEVERAL LONG-STANDING DEMANDS BY CENTRIST PARTIES TO LIBERALIZE THE HOLD OF RELIGIOUS ORTHODOXY ON ISRAELI SOCIETY.

3. COMMENT: THE ILP, A PERENNIAL JUNIOR PARTNER IN ISRAEL'S COALITION GOVERNMENTS, HAS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION USED THE TACTIC OF THREATENING TO QUIT IN ORDER TO WRING CONCESSIONS FROM PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS. IN THE INTERVAL SINCE ITS EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDED WITHDRAWAL THIS TIME, THE ILP HAS TESTED THE WATER AND FOUND IT SOMEWHAT COLD. IF IT WERE TO LEAVE THE COALITION, THE ILP WOULD BECOME JUST ONE MORE OF MANY SMALL PARTIES COMPETING BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR BLOCS AND WOULD LOSE THE INFLUENCE AND SPECIAL STATUS THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE GOVERNMENT CONFERS. (THERE ARE REPORTS THAT YADIN WAS COOL TO ILP OVERTURES FOR SOME SORT OF MERGER WITH HIS DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT.) MEANWHILE, THE ONEMONTH POSTPONEMENT ON A DECISION TO WITHDRAW MAINTAINS THE ILP'S OPTIONS WHILE IT WAITS FOR LABOR TO DELIVER ON ITS PROMISES--FAR FROM A SURE BET. THE HISTADRUT, AND ITS ALLIES IN THE LABOR PARTY, CAN BE EXPECTED TO OPPOSE ACTIVELY THE CONCESSIONS ON THE SICK FUND AND ARBITRATION IN PUBLIC SERVICES.

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